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(Smith House)  
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Location: Roanoke, West Virginia.

Elevation: ca. 1060'.

UTM References as given on the National Register of Historic Places Nomination form:

Zone: 17

Easting: 544910

Northing: 4309130

U.S.G.S. Map: Roanoke, West Virginia, 7.5' (1966 edition, photo revised 1979).

Present Owner: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Present Occupant: none.

Present Use: none.

Construction Date: late 19th century.

Informants: Bertha Brinkley; Matilda Fowler; Ruth Posey Fox; Gordon and Nell Hall; James McClain; Woodrow and Lucille Perrine; James Whelan.

For project information and bibliography see HABS No. WV-209 (ROANOKE)

Historical Information:

As with several of the lots in Roanoke, this property was part of a larger tract of land until 1894 when it was sold by the Joseph Hall heirs to B. L. Bond and Emma Bond, his wife. Whether they or the next owners, J. F. Carney and Kate Carney, his wife, or their successors, Lena A. Smith and Porter Smith, her husband, built the dwelling on the lots is not known. Tax records, however, show that the Hall heirs were assessed a maximum of only \$15.40 per acre, while J. F. Carney was assessed \$250.00 on the lot (5/16 of an acre). It may be, therefore, that the structure on Tract 1509 existed by ca. 1899. As the tax records for the years of Bond's ownership of the property (1894-1898) are missing, his assessment is unknown. However, if the tax records are accurate, the dwelling was not built until 1903 as an assessment for improvements on the lot was first made in that year. This information correlates with that provided by Ruth Posey Fox and Bertha Brinkley (1981, pers. comm.) who stated that Porter Smith, a Baltimore and Ohio Railroad section gang foreman and the husband of the legal owner of the lot (Lena A. Smith) beginning in 1902, had the residence built for his family.

The dwelling was originally ell-shaped with a living room, hallway, parlor or sitting room, dining room and a kitchen downstairs (Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) and two bedrooms upstairs (Rooms 7 and 9). Originally, a two story porch graced the northeast facade, and a small porch was built on the southeast side of the structure adjacent to the dining room (Room 4) and kitchen (Room 5).

When the Smiths owned the structure and reared their four children (two boys and two girls) there, it was apparently "nicely" furnished with "old, sturdy, handmade"

TABLE  
Ownership of Tract 1509

Grantor	Grantee	Date of Transaction	Cost	Acreage	Reference	Comments
Bertha B. Fox	Ralph Byrne & Thelma J. Byrne	23 Feb. 1973	\$4,000.00	50 sq. poles	Lewis County Deed Book 33a: 132	
Florence Horner William L. Horner & Evelyn Horner (wife) John H. Lewis & Helen Horner Lewis (wife) Kenneth T. Hall & Mary Hall	Bertha B. Fox & C. E. Fox (husband)	15 Nov. 1949	\$10.00	50 sq. poles	Lewis County Deed Book 203: 121	Heirs of I. G. Horner
Ezra Bennett & Mabel Bennett (wife) Lena A. Smith	I. G. Horner	28 April 1947	\$1.00	50 sq. poles	Lewis County Deed Book 190: 66	
	Ezra Bennett	2 Oct. 1944	\$3,100.00	50 sq. poles	Lewis County Deed Book 171: 348	
J. F. Carney & Kate Carney (wife) B. L. Bond & Emma Bond (wife) Mary E. Hall George W. Hall Virginia Hall R. N. Ramsey George Ramsey George Clark Helen Clark James W. Jones Mary E. Jones John E. Hall	Lena A. Smith	20 Feb. 1902	\$450.00	50 sq. poles	Lewis County Deed Book 34: 198	
	J. F. Carney	9 March 1898	\$450.00	50 sq. poles	Lewis County Deed Book 34: 198	
	B. L. Bond & Emma Bond (wife)	9 March 1894	\$125.00	50 sq. poles	Lewis County Deed Book 32: 410	
Michael Bush & Amelia Bush (wife)	Joseph Hall	20 Sept. 1847	\$1,100.00	86	Lewis County Deed Book N: 59	
John Sprigg & Elizabeth Sprigg (wife)	Michael G. Bush	23 Dec. 1825	\$1,200.00	91	Lewis County Deed Book C: 233	

TABLE  
Tax Record for Tract 1509

Name	Year	Land	Value per Acre	Value of Land	Value of Improvement	Total Value	Comments
John Sprigg	1817	310 acres Sand Fork/ West Fork	\$5.50			\$155.00	
	*1818 1819	310 acres Sand Fork/ West Fork	\$5.50		\$150.00	\$400.00	
	1820-1823	310 acres Sand Fork/ West Fork	\$3.50		\$131.25	\$1,085.00	
	1824-1826	310 acres Sand Fork/ West Fork	\$3.50			\$1,085.00	
Michael G. Rush	1827	20 acres West Fork	\$3.50			\$70.00	From John Sprigg
	1828-1833 1834	91 acres West Fork	\$5.70		\$200.20	\$518.70	
	*1835	91 acres West Fork	\$5.70			\$518.70	
	1836-1839 1840-1847	91 acres West Fork	\$5.70			\$518.70	
Joseph Hall	1848	86 acres West Fork	\$10.00			\$860.00	From Michael G. Rush
	1849	86 acres West Fork	\$10.00			\$860.00	
	*1850	86 acres West Fork	\$10.00			\$860.00	
	1851	85 acres West Fork	\$10.00			\$850.00	
	*1852-1853	85 acres West Fork	\$11.00		\$350.00	\$850.00	
	1854-1855	85 acres West Fork	\$11.00		\$600.00	\$1,105.00	
	1856	85 acres West Fork	\$13.00			\$1,105.00	
	1857-1858	85 acres West Fork	\$13.00			\$1,105.00	
	*1859	85 acres West Fork	\$13.00			\$1,105.00	
	1860	85 acres West Fork	\$13.00			\$1,105.00	
	*1861	85 acres West Fork	\$13.00			\$1,105.00	
	1862-1867 *1868-1869	85 acres West Fork	\$13.00		\$600.00	\$1,105.00	
	1870-1872	85 acres West Fork	\$13.00		\$600.00	\$1,105.00	
	1873-1875	85 acres West Fork	\$13.00		\$400.00	\$1,105.00	
	1876	81 acres R-10; P-8 West Fork	\$14.30			\$1,160.00	

Sold 4 acres to Mitchell/Godfrey. R-10;  
P-8 may refer to 10 rods, 8 poles

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Name	Year	Land	Value per Acre	Value of Land	Value of Improvement	Total Value	Comments
Joseph Hall (cont.)	1877-1880	81 acres R-10; P-8 West Fork	\$14.30			\$1,160.00	
	1881-1882	81 acres R-10; P-8 West Fork	\$13.00			\$1,063.00	
	1883	81 <sup>3</sup> acres West Fork	\$13.80		\$300.00	\$1,124.00	81 <sup>3</sup> may be 81 1/3 acres
	1884-1885	80 1/2 acres West Fork	\$13.80		\$300.00	\$1,110.00	
	1886	80 1/2 acres West Fork	\$13.80			\$1,110.00	
Joseph Hall heirs	1887-1890	80 1/2 acres West Fork	\$13.80			\$1,110.00	
	1891	80 1/2 acres West Fork	\$13.80		\$300.00	\$1,110.00	
C. C. Hall	1892	80 1/2 acres West Fork	\$14.00		\$300.00	\$1,239.00	Charged in 1891 to Joseph Hall heirs
	1893	80 1/2 acres West Fork	\$15.40		\$330.00	\$1,239.00	
B. L. Reed	*1894-1898						
J. F. Carney	1899	IR, IP, Roanoke		\$250.00			IR, IP may refer to 1 rod, 1 pole
	1900-1901	IR, IP, Roanoke		\$200.00			
Lena Smith	1902	IR, IP, Roanoke		\$200.00			1902, J. F. Carney
	1903	Lot (IR, 10P)		\$200.00			
	1904-1908	Lot (IR, 10P)		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$400.00	
	1909-1912	Lot (IR, 10P)		\$200.00	\$400.00	\$600.00	
	1913-1921	Lot (IR, 10P)		\$200.00	\$500.00	\$700.00	
	1922-1923	Lot (IR, 10P)		\$200.00	\$700.00	\$900.00	
	1924-1925	Lot (IR, 10P)		\$340.00		\$340.00	
	1926	Lot (IR, 10P)		\$200.00	\$700.00	\$900.00	
	1927	1/2 lot, Roanoke		\$200.00	\$700.00	\$900.00	
	1928-1929	1/2 lot, Roanoke		\$200.00	\$600.00	\$800.00	
	1930-1931	1/2 lot, Roanoke		\$150.00	\$600.00	\$750.00	
	1932-1943	1/2 lot, Roanoke		\$120.00	\$480.00	\$600.00	

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Name	Year	Land	Value per Acre	Value of Land	Value of Improvement	Total Value	Comments
Exra Bennett & Mabel Bennett	1944-1947	1/2 lot, Roanoke		\$120.00	\$480.00	\$600.00	
I. G. Horner	1948-1949	1/2 lot, Roanoke		\$120.00	\$480.00	\$600.00	
C. E. Fox & Bertha B. Fox	1950-1961 1962	1/2 lot, Roanoke 1/2 lot, Roanoke		\$120.00 \$120.00	\$480.00 \$1,500.00	\$600.00 \$1,620.00	
Bertha B. Fox	1963-1967 1968-1975 1976-1979	1/2 lot, Roanoke 1/2 lot, Roanoke 1/2 lot Roanoke		\$120.00 \$440.00 \$400.00	\$1,500.00 \$1,260.00 \$1,300.00	\$1,620.00 \$1,700.00 \$1,700.00	

\*Records Missing.

furniture (Ruth Posey Fox 1981, pers. comm.). An upright piano, which sat in the living room, was remembered by younger former residents of Roanoke who heard Mrs. Smith playing it. Lena A. Smith also was the organist at the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church (Matilda Fowler 1981, pers. comm.).

Directly behind the dwelling, the Smiths built a cellar house with a room over it in what respondents described as a typical style for the region. In the lower level of the cellar house they stored home-canned food and meat on shelves. At the back of the house they also had a privy and a small garden. Informants noted that both the Smiths and the later owners, the Foxes, were exceptional in the Roanoke area in having only a small garden and in not keeping animals (James Whelan and Bertha Brinkley 1981, pers. comm.).

The Smiths sold the Tract 1509 property in 1944. It then passed through two owners in five years until 1949 when C. E. Fox and Bertha Fox, his wife, purchased the property as a retirement home. When they moved in, C. E. Fox, who had been a timberman, woodsman and bootlegger in Braxton County, West Virginia (James Whelan 1981, pers. comm.) was ill. In order to conserve heat, the Fox family closed off the front entry hallway, which prior to this modification led directly from the front door in the northeast elevation to the second floor stairway or directly to the dining room (Room 4).

Thereafter, the stairway and the hallway were accessible only from the dining room. At the same time that the hallway was modified, the room that the Smiths had used as a living room (Room 1) was converted into a bedroom for C. Fox who died ca. 1955. The Foxes also rebuilt the front porch; they removed the second story of the porch and remodeled it to its present configuration.

The presence of flue pipe inserts through the ceilings of Rooms 1 and 3 and through the floors and ceilings of Rooms 7 and 9, suggest that these rooms at one time may have been heated with stoves. At some later time, it appears that nearly all of the rooms were heated with gas heaters as gas pipes exist in all of the rooms except Room 7 and in the hallways (Rooms 6, 8). The kitchen ceiling also has a flue pipe insert, perhaps for a wood/coal range. More recently, a gas heater or furnace probably was installed along the northwest wall of Room 3 as a circular opening the size of a small exhaust pipe (5 1/2") has been cut through the wall.

During the time that they lived in the structure, the Foxes are known to have covered the walls in most of its rooms with "Wall-Right" (a pressed paper board) attached with battens (James Whelan 1981, pers. comm.).

#### Architectural Information:

General Description: The Smith House as presently constituted is a two story, three bay, ell-shaped plank structure with a gable roof. In its original state, the dwelling may have been a clapboard-sided central passage house (Kniffen 1936; Newton 1971; O'Malley 1972; Montell and Morse 1976) that included only Rooms 1, 2, 3, 7 and 9 in addition, of course, to the central hallway and stairs.

#### Exterior Description:

Overall Dimensions: 34'5" x 34'5".

Foundation: The foundation is composed of sets of three 1' x 1'3" rock-faced concrete block piers positioned along the northwest, northeast and southeast walls; the southwest wall is supported by three piers consisting of four tile blocks and one 8" concrete block

pier. The northwest and southwest walls are covered by brick-impressioned sheet metal painted dark green. The crawl space on the southwest side of the structure is enclosed by a skirt of horizontal boards. the northwest crawl space is covered by a latticework skirt and a porch.

Walls: The walls are composed of 4 1/2" clapboards that are painted white; corner boards and clapboarding are applied with cut nails.

Framing: This is composed of a double thickness of 1" thick of vertical planks.

Porches: A single story open porch is centered in the northeast elevation of the dwelling. The 7'2" wide x 25'3 1/2" long deck is raised above the ground on piers and consists of 3 1/4" tongue and groove boards painted medium gray. It has a skirt of 3 1/2" simple-beaded boards painted dark green. The porch's shed roof is covered with tar and felt paper over sheet metal and is supported by four wooden modified Doric columns painted white with square wooden bases; the porch ceiling consists of 2 1/2" tongue and groove simple-beaded boards painted white. A ceiling fixture is located off center. An electrical fuse box and meter are positioned to the right of the dwelling entrance. Access to the porch is from a set of four concrete steps having a 66" width x 14" tread x 8 1/2" rise plus a riser of 8 1/2" to the deck. As indicated previously, this one story porch is not original to the structure. A full two story porch on the northeast elevation was the original configuration.

A second porch is located along the length of the inside of the ell or addition to the structure; the 6'4" wide x 10'4 1/2" long deck is raised 2'4" above the ground and is composed of 2 1/4"-3 3/8" tongue and groove boards painted medium gray; the crawl space beneath the deck is screened with a corrugated metal skirt painted green. The shed roof is constructed of light timber framing covered with raised seam sheet metal roofing and is supported by four white, turned columns. The porch ceiling is composed of 3" simple-beaded tongue and groove boards painted white. Access to the porch is from a set of three wooden steps 26 1/2" wide x 10" tread x 9" rise plus a riser of 9" to the porch deck; a ceiling light fixture is located near the southeast corner.

Chimneys: none.

Roof: The roof is a medium-pitch gable variety covered with raised seam sheet metal 1'0" on center. The sheet metal on the ell is covered with felt paper. Eaves and raking trim consist of a boxed cornice with a frieze board painted white.

Interior Description: Room 1 (room numbers are keyed to plans on pages 29-30)

Function: living room.

Dimensions: 13'9" x 13'11"; 7'10" ceiling.

Wallcovering: pressed paper board with battens; painted light blue; this material covers 8"-9" wide vertical boards on the exterior walls.

Floorcoverings: 3 1/2"-4" tongue and groove oak boards; perimeter of room floor painted medium brown.

Ceiling: pressed paper board with battens; painted light blue; this material covers tongue and groove boards.

Baseboard: 7 1/2" plain board; quarter round shoe; painted white.

Heating: gas connection between closet and door to hallway (Room 2).

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: central ceiling fixture with pullcord; duplex outlet on southwest/southeast walls.



TABLE  
Tract 1509 (dwelling): Door Details

Position*	Opening	Style	Hinge	Latch/Lock	Interior Surround Trim	Exterior Surround Trim	Threshold
Room 1 to Closet	1'11 3/8" x 6'	4 panel	3 1/2" pin butt	mortise lock; sheet metal knob	4 3/4" plain boards	2 1/2" plain boards	no
Room 1 to Room 2	2' 8 1/4" x 6'9"	4 panel	3 1/2" decorative cast pin butt	3 1/8" x 4 3/8" rim lock; sheet metal knob	4" mold	4" mold	yes
Room 2 to Exterior	2'10" x 6'10"	4 panel; top panel glass	3 1/2" pin butt	glass knob	4" mold	3" plain boards	yes
Room 2 to Room 3	2'7 3/4" x 6'10 1/4"	4 panel	3 1/2" decorative cast pin butt	3 1/8" x 4 3/8" rim lock; sheet metal knob	4" mold	4" mold	yes
Room 3 to Room 4	2'7 1/4" x 6'7 1/2"	door missing	previously a 3 1/2" butt	—	4" mold	4" mold	yes
Room 4 to Room 5	2'7" x 6'7 3/4"	door missing	3" pin butt; previously a 3 1/2" butt	—	4" mold	4" mold	yes
Room 4 to Exterior	2'8 1/4" x 6'8"	6 panel; top panel glass	3" pin butt	mortise lock; porcelain knobs; sliding bolt	4 3/4" plain boards	3" plain boards	yes
Room 4 to Room 6	2'8" x 6'8 1/4"	6 panel; top four panels glass	3" pin butt; previously a 3 1/2" butt	4 3/8" x 3 1/8" rim lock; glass knobs	2 1/2" plain boards	4" mold	yes
Room 5 to Exterior (southeast wall)	2'8 1/8" x 6'6 3/4"	6 panel; top panel glass	3" pin butt; previously a 3 1/4" butt	mortise lock; sheet metal knobs	4 3/4" plain boards	3" plain boards	yes
Room 5 to Exterior (southeast wall)	3' x 7'6"	closed	—	—	—	—	—

Table (cont.)

Position*	Opening	Style	Hinge	Latch/Lock	Interior Surround Trim	Exterior Surround Trim	Threshold
Room 6 to Closet (Figure 99)	2'4" x 5'11 1/2"	6 board (2 1/2"-5 3/8") and 5 batten (2 3/4" beveled)	3" butt	3 5/8" x 2 1/8" ornate rim lock; knobs missing	4" mold	--	yes
Room 7 to Room 8	27" x 67"	4 panel	3" butt	4 3/8" x 3 1/8" rim lock; porcelain knobs	4" mold	4" mold	yes
Room 7 to Closet (Figure 100)	1'8" x 5'9 5/8"	3 board (4 3/8"-7 3/8" 2 batten (5"))	3" butt	sliding lock	3 3/4" plain boards	--	no
Room 8 to Exterior	2'5 1/2" x 6'	3 panel (top panel glass)	3" pin butt	4 3/8" x 3 1/8" rim lock; porcelain knobs	3 1/4" plain board on right jamb; 1" board (cut by new partition) on left jamb; 3" board header	3 1/4" plain board jambs; 3/4" board header	yes
Room 8 to Closet	1'3 3/4" x 5'9 3/4"	2 board (6 1/2"-8 3/8") and 2 batten	3" pin butt	sliding bolt	3 1/4" plain boards	--	no
Room 8 to Room 9 (Figure 97)	27" x 6'5 1/4"	4 panel	3" butt	4 3/8" x 3 1/8" rim lock; porcelain knobs	4" mold	4" mold	yes
Room 9 to Room 10 (Figure 101)	1'11 1/8" x 4'11"	3 tongue and groove board (7 1/2"-8 3/8") and 2 batten	3" butt	spring load- ing slide enclosure	4" mold	--	yes
Room 10 to Room 11	17" x 3'11 3/4"	3 board (5-7 1/2") and 2 batten (5 3/4")	1 1/2" butt	--	3" plain boards	--	yes

\*For exact positions, refer to Figures

TABLE  
Tract 1509 (dwelling): Window Details

Position*	Style	Opening	Size of Pane	Number of Panes	Type of Sill	Interior Surround Trim	Exterior Surround Trim
NORTHEAST WALL							
First Floor Left to right	double hung	25" x 62 1/2"	12" x 28"	2/2	slip	4 1/2" mold	1 3/4" plain boards
	double hung	29" x 61 1/2"	12" x 28"	2/2	slip	4 1/2" mold	1 3/4" plain boards
Second Floor							
Left to right	double hung	29" x 62"	12" x 28"	2/2	slip	4 1/2" mold	2" plain boards
	double hung	29 1/2" x 61 1/2"	12" x 28"	2/2	slip	4 1/2" mold	2" plain boards
SOUTHEAST WALL							
First Floor Left to right (Figure 98)	double hung	20 1/2" x 65 1/2"	16" x 30"	1/1	lug	4 1/2" plain boards; rounded edges	4 1/2" plain boards; pediment
	double hung	29 1/4" x 62"	12" x 28"	2/2	slip	4 1/2" mold	1 3/4" plain boards
Second Floor							
Left to right	double hung	29" x 62"	12" x 28"	2/2	slip	4 1/2" mold	1 3/4" plain boards
SOUTHWEST WALL							
First Floor Left to right	2 sash sections of swing-in and upward windows	24" x 58 1/2" (previously 32 3/4" x ? double hung)	10" x 12"	4/sash	slip	2 3/4" plain boards	4 1/2" plain boards

Table (cont.)

Position*	Style	Opening	Size of Pane	Number of Panes	Type of Sill	Interior Surround Trim	Exterior Surround Trim
SOUTHWEST WALL (cont.)							
Second Floor Left to right	double hung	26 1/2" x 53"	12" x 28"	2/2	slip	3 1/2" plain boards	1 3/4" plain boards
NORTHWEST WALL							
First Floor Left to right	double hung	29" x 61 1/2"	12" x 28"	2/2	slip	4" mold	1 3/4" plain boards
	double hung	29" x 60"	12" x 28"	2/2	slip	3" plain boards	1 3/4" plain boards
	single sash; horizontal sliding	24 1/2" x 28 3/4"	8" x 10"	6	slip	2 1/2" plain boards	1 3/4" plain boards
Second Floor Left to right	double hung	29 1/4" x 61 1/2"	12" x 28"	2/2	slip	4" mold	1 3/4" plain boards

\*For exact positions, refer to Figures

Interior Description: Room 2

Function: hallway.

Dimensions: 5'6" x 5'10"; 7'11" ceiling.

Wallcovering: pressed paper board with battens; painted light yellow; this material covers a vertical board wall.

Floorcoverings: linoleum that covers 4 1/4" tongue and groove boards.

Ceiling: pressed paper board with battens painted white; this material covers tongue and groove boards.

Baseboard: 7 1/2" plain board; quarter round shoe; painted white.

Heating: none.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: switch adjacent to front doorway.

Other: The central stairway has been partitioned off and is no longer part of Room 2.

Interior Description: Room 3

Function: parlor or sitting room.

Dimensions: 13'9" x 13'11"; 7'10" ceiling.

Wallcovering: pressed paper board with battens; painted light green; this material covers vertical board wall.

Floorcovering: 4" tongue and groove oak boards; covered in the middle of the floor with linoleum; perimeter of floor beyond linoleum painted light gray.

Ceiling: pressed paper board with battens; painted white; this material covers tongue and groove boards.

Baseboard: 8" plain board; ogee cap molding; quarter round shoe; painted white.

Heating: gas connection along southeast wall; 5 1/2" flue pipe opening on northwest wall 3'2" from west corner of room and 2'1" above floor.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: central ceiling fixture; duplex outlets on northeast, northwest and southeast walls.

Interior Description: Room 4

Function: dining room.

Dimensions: 11'8" x 16'7"; 7'4" ceiling.

Wallcovering: pressed paper board with battens; painted light yellow; this material covers vertical board wall.

Floorcovering: 4" tongue and groove oak boards; covered in the middle of the floor with linoleum; perimeter of floor beyond linoleum light gray.

Ceiling: pressed paper board with battens around edges of room; painted white; this material covers tongue and groove boards; cove molding.

Baseboard: 7 1/2" plain board; quarter round shoe; painted white.

Heating: gas connection along northeast and northwest walls.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: ceiling fixture offset to the southeast; duplex outlets on northwest, southeast and southwest walls.

Interior Description: Room 5

Function: kitchen.  
Dimensions: 7'11" x 16'11"; 7'4" ceiling.  
Wallcovering: pressed paper board with battens; painted light blue; this material covers 6"-7" vertical boards.  
Floorcovering: 4" tongue and groove; covered with linoleum.  
Ceiling: fiber board attached with battens; painted white; this material covers tongue and groove boards.  
Baseboard: 8 1/2" plain board; quarter round shoe; painted white.  
Heating: gas connection for range through southwest wall; flue for stove through ceiling in northwest corner of room; concrete flue insert through ceiling measures 10" x 10", and it has a 6 3/4" diameter opening.  
Fireplace: none.  
Plumbing: sink on southwest wall beneath windows; sink is integral part of an 8' long cupboard base along southwest wall.  
Lighting and Electricity: central ceiling fixture; duplex outlets on northeast, southeast, southwest and northwest walls.  
Other: 4'2" long base and hanging cupboard units at northwest end of southwest wall.

Interior Description: Room 6

Function: stair hallway.  
Dimensions: 5'10" x 7'11"; 7'11 1/2" ceiling.  
Wallcovering: pressed paper board with battens; painted light blue; this material covers 6"-7" vertical boards.  
Floorcovering: 4 1/4" tongue and groove boards covered with linoleum.  
Ceiling: pressed paper board with battens; painted white; this material covers tongue and groove boards.  
Baseboard: 8" with beaded top; quarter round shoe; painted white.  
Heating: none.  
Fireplace: none.  
Plumbing: none.  
Lighting and Electricity: none.  
Other: There are two steps having a 28 1/8" width x 10" tread (3/4" nose) x 8" rise plus an 8" riser to a trapezoidally-shaped landing where the stairway makes a 90° turn; after the turn there are another eight steps of similar dimensions plus an 8" riser to a second trapezoidally-shaped landing, then an 8" riser to a third trapezoidally-shaped landing where the stairs make a 90° turn to another 8" riser and the second story floor. Newel posts (painted dark brown) and balusters (painted white) are turned; bannister is flat with rounded edges and is painted dark brown. Stair treads are painted dark brown, while risers are painted white. Originally the stairway had a turn only near the second floor, and access to it was directly opposite the front door in the northeast elevation.

Interior Description: Room 7

Function: bedroom.  
Dimensions: 13'9" x 13'11"; 6'11 1/2" ceiling.  
Wallcovering: pressed paper board with battens; painted medium blue; the material covers 7 1/2" vertical boards.  
Floorcovering: 3"-5" plain boards; covered in the middle of the floor with linoleum; perimeter of floor beyond linoleum painted yellowish brown.

Ceiling: pressed paper board with battens; painted white; this material covers tongue and groove boards.

Baseboard: 6 1/2" plain board; quarter round shoe; painted white.

Heating: stove flue opening is cut through floor and ceiling 1'5 1/2" out from the northwest wall; concrete flue insert through the floor measures 11 1/2" x 11 1/2" x 5", and has a 6 1/2" diameter opening.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: central ceiling fixture; duplex outlets on southwest wall.

#### Interior Description: Room 8

Function: stair hallway.

Dimensions: 5'10" x 13'9"; 7' ceiling.

Wallcovering: 2 1/4"-4 3/4" vertical tongue and groove boards; painted dark brown; covered with linoleum runner.

Ceiling: pressed paper board with battens; painted white; the material covers tongue and groove boards.

Baseboard: 6 1/2" plain board; painted white.

Heating: none.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: ceiling fixture over stairwell.

Other: See comments on stairway for Room 6.

#### Interior Description: Room 9

Function: bedroom.

Dimensions: 13'9" x 13'9"; 6'11 1/2" ceiling.

Wallcovering: pressed paper board with battens; painted light blue; this material covers 9 1/2" vertical boards.

Floorcovering: 2 1/2"-4 1/2" tongue and groove boards; covered in the middle of the floor with a commercially manufactured rag carpet; perimeter of floor beyond the carpet painted dark brown.

Ceiling: pressed paper board with battens; painted white; this material covers tongue and groove boards.

Baseboard: 6" plain board; quarter round shoe; painted white.

Heating: gas connection above baseboard along southwest wall; flue opening is cut through floor and ceiling 1'3" out from the southeast wall; concrete flue insert through the floor measures 11 1/2" x 11 1/2" x 5", and it has a 6 1/2" diameter opening.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: central ceiling fixture; duplex outlets on southeast and northwest walls.

#### Interior Description: Room 10

Function: Unknown.

Dimensions: 7'5" x 20'; 6'4" ceiling.

Wallcovering: wallpaper covering 10 1/2" wide horizontal boards.

Floorcovering: 5 1/2"-8 1/4" boards; unpainted.

Ceiling: wallpaper covering horizontal boards.

Baseboard: none.

Heating: gas connection along northeast wall at northwest side of doorway to Room 9.  
Fireplace: none.  
Plumbing: none.  
Lighting and Electricity: drop-cord ceiling fixture immediately inside doorway to Room 9.

Interior Description: Room 11

Function: attic (unfurnished).

Outbuildings: Cellar House

General Description: A one story rectangular frame structure with a medium-pitch gable roof and a concrete block foundation (Room 1) adjoins the southwest elevation of the ell of the dwelling; the frame section of the cellar house (Room 2) overhangs the foundation 2'1" at the northeast wall.

Exterior Description:

Overall Dimensions: 10'2" x 12' (lower section); 10'2" x 14'3" (upper section).  
Foundation: The visible portion of the foundation is composed of nine courses of 8" rock-faced concrete block.  
Walls: The walls of Room 1 are composed of 8" concrete block; Room 2 is composed of 3 1/2" clapboard with corner boards; painted white.  
Framing: Light frame; 1 1/4" x 3 3/4" studs on 1'8 1/2" centers.  
Porch: Access to the frame section (Room 2) is from an extension of the rear porch of the dwelling then via five open wooden steps with a 27" width x 7-8 1/2" tread x 10" rise plus a riser of 11".  
Chimneys: none.  
Roof: The roof is a medium-pitch gable variety covered with 1'0" on center raised seam sheet metal roofing; eaves and raking trim consist of boxed cornice.

Interior Description: Room 1

Function: canned food and meat storage.  
Dimensions: 8'4" x 10'4"; 6'5" ceiling.  
Wallcovering: concrete blocks; unfinished.  
Floorcovering: poured concrete; unpainted.  
Ceiling: 5 1/4" plain boards; painted medium gray.  
Baseboard: none.  
Heating: gas connection in front of shelving along southeast wall.  
Fireplace: none.  
Plumbing: none.  
Lighting and Electricity: ceiling fixture.  
Other: free-standing open shelving along southeast wall.

Interior Description: Room 2

Function: Unknown.  
Dimensions: 9'2" x 13'2"; 7'1" ceiling.  
Wallcovering: wallpaper covering unfinished 4 3/4"-11 1/4" horizontal boards.  
Floorcovering: linoleum covering 2" tongue and groove boards.



TABLE  
Tract 1509 (cellar house): Door Details

Position*	Opening	Style	Hinge	Latch/Lock	Interior Surround Trim	Exterior Surround Trim	Threshold
Room 1 to Exterior	2'8" x 5'11 1/2"	2" diagonal tongue and groove boards and 3 battens	8" strap	4 1/8" x 3 3/8" rim lock; porcelain knobs; hasp on exterior	--	--	yes
Room 2 to Exterior	2'6 1/4" x 6'5"	4 panel	3" pin butt	4 1/4" x 3 1/4" rim lock	4 1/2" plain boards	4 1/2" plain boards	yes

\*For exact positions, refer to Figures

TABLE  
Tract 1509 (cellar house): Window Details

Position*	Style	Opening	Size of Pane	Number of Panes	Type of Sill	Interior Surround Trim	Exterior Surround Trim
SOUTHWEST WALL							
First Floor	air vent with cast iron grates	16" x 18 1/2"	--	--	--	--	--
Second Floor	double hung	29" x 54 1/2"	12" x 24 1/4"	2/2	slip	3 1/2" plain boards	4 1/2" plain boards
NORTHWEST WALL							
First Floor	air vent with cast iron grates	16" x 18 1/2"	--	--	--	--	--
Second Floor	double hung	29" x 54 1/2"	12" x 24 1/2"	2/2	slip	3 1/2" plain boards	4 1/2" plain boards

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Ceiling: 3 1/2" simple beaded tongue and groove boards; cove molding around edges of room; painted white.

Baseboard: 7" plain board; quarter round shoe; painted white.

Heating: none.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: none

Lighting and Electricity: central ceiling fixture with pullcord.

Site:

General Setting and Orientation: The Smith House is situated on the northwest side of Roanoke, West Virginia, approximately 50' southwest of County Route 19/24. Across the road, at a distance of about 55', flows the West Fork River. The dwelling is the first structure behind the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church (see HABS No. WV-209-A).

Historic Landscape Design: A concrete sidewalk extends from the front porch steps of the dwelling to the front (northeast) side of the property where it intersects another concrete sidewalk that crosses the width of the lot parallel to the road; the sidewalk that parallels the road extends from near the present U.S. Post Office (which is adjacent to the West Fork River) to several hundred feet beyond the dwelling. Extant plantings on the lot consist of: large azalea (*Rhododendron* sp.) bushes along both sides of the entry sidewalk near its intersection with the second sidewalk. Holly trees (*Ilex* sp.) are found at the north and east corners of the property. A silver maple tree (*Acer* sp.) stands west of the structure, and there is an apple tree (*Pyrus* sp.) along the rear lot line together with many violets (*Viola* sp.), rosebushes (*Rosa* sp.) and an unknown variegated-leaf ground cover planted in the front yard close to the front (northeast) porch. Iris (*Iris* sp.) plants are found at the south corner of the rear (southeast) porch; a garden plot extends across the rear of the lot.

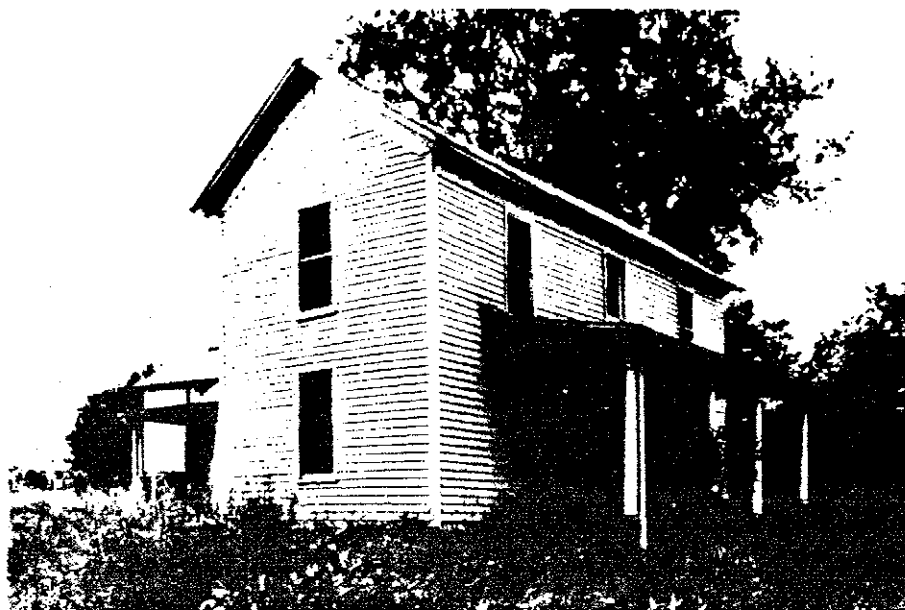
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For other structures in the Roanoke area, see HABS No.s WV-209-A -S.

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Perspective control photograph of the northeast elevation of the Smith House in 1981. Note porch columns.



Perspective control photograph of the northeast and southeast elevations of the Smith House in 1981.



Perspective control photograph of the southeast elevation of the Smith House in 1981. Note cellar house at left.



Perspective control photograph of the southeast and southwest elevations of the Smith House in 1981. Note the porch on the ell addition and the cellar house at left.



Perspective control photograph of the southwest elevation of the Smith House in 1981. Note the construction of the cellar house.



Perspective control photograph of the southwest and northwest elevations of the Smith House in 1981.



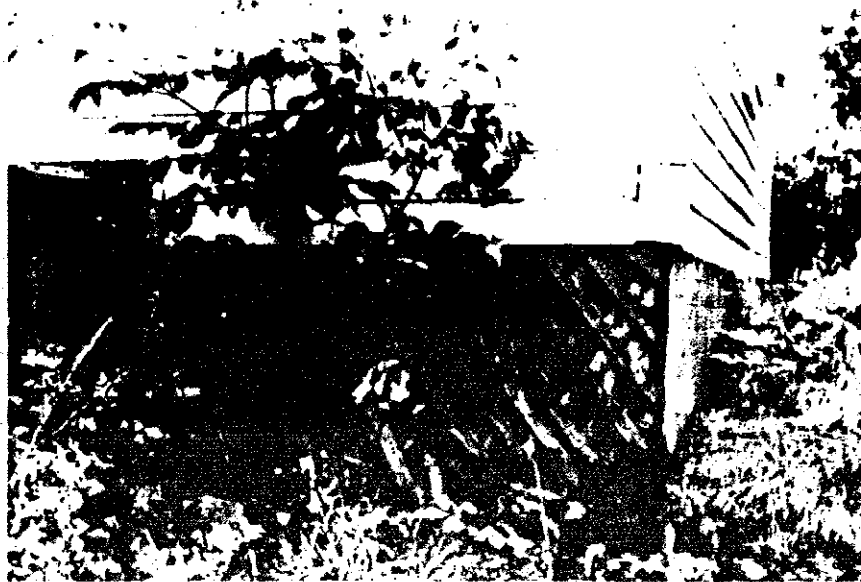
Perspective control photograph of the northwest elevation of the Smith House in 1981. Note the heavy vegetative cover.



Perspective control photograph of the northwest and northeast elevations of the Smith House in 1981.

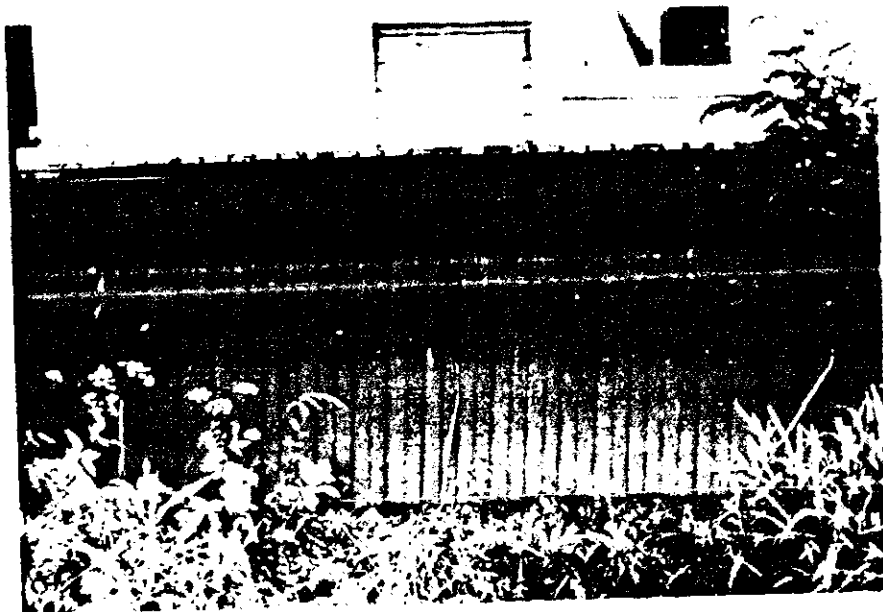


Close-up of the porch on  
the northeast elevation of the Smith  
House in 1981. Note the details  
of the column at left

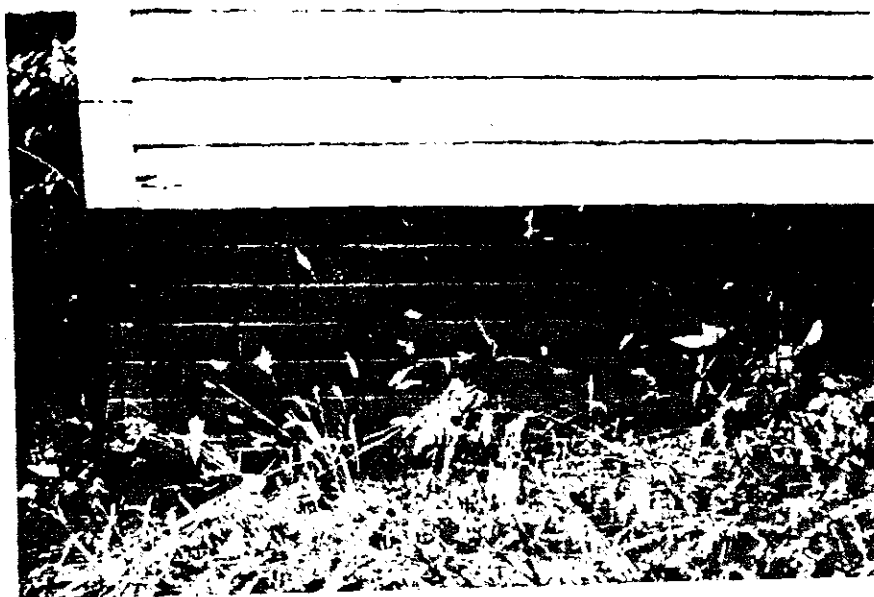


Close-up of latticework foundation skirt on the northwest and southeast sides  
of the porch attached to the northeast elevation of the Smith House in 1981.





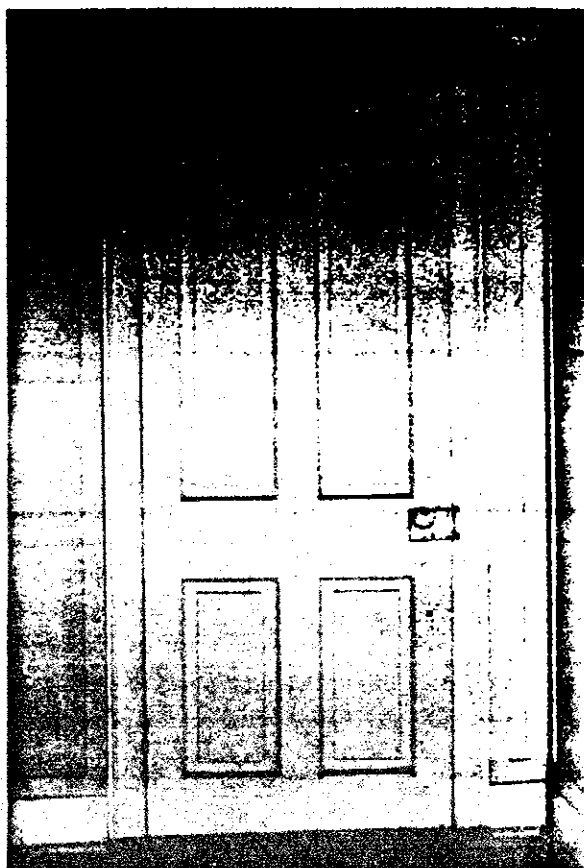
Close-up of vertical board skirt enclosing the crawl space beneath the porch attached to the northeast elevation of the Smith House in 1981.



Close-up of sheet metal foundation skirt typical of that found on the southeast, southwest and northwest elevations of the Smith House. The sheet metal has been impressed to simulate brick.



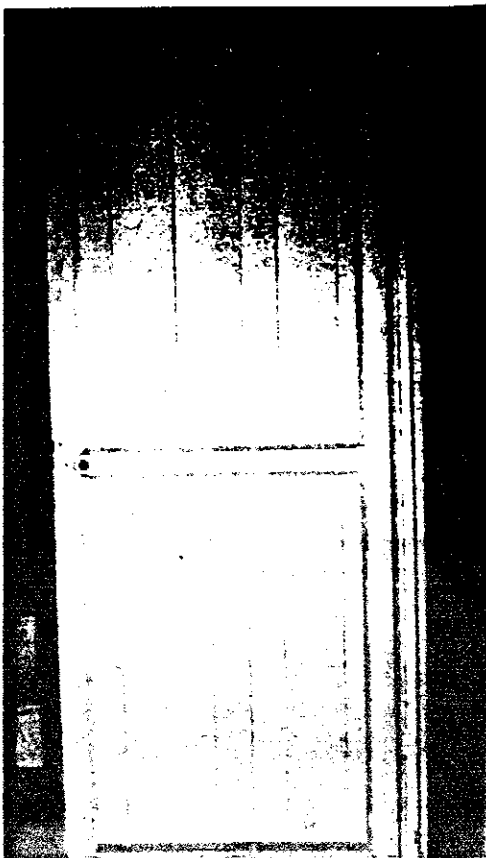
Close-up of vertical plank wall beneath the paper board covering in Room 3  
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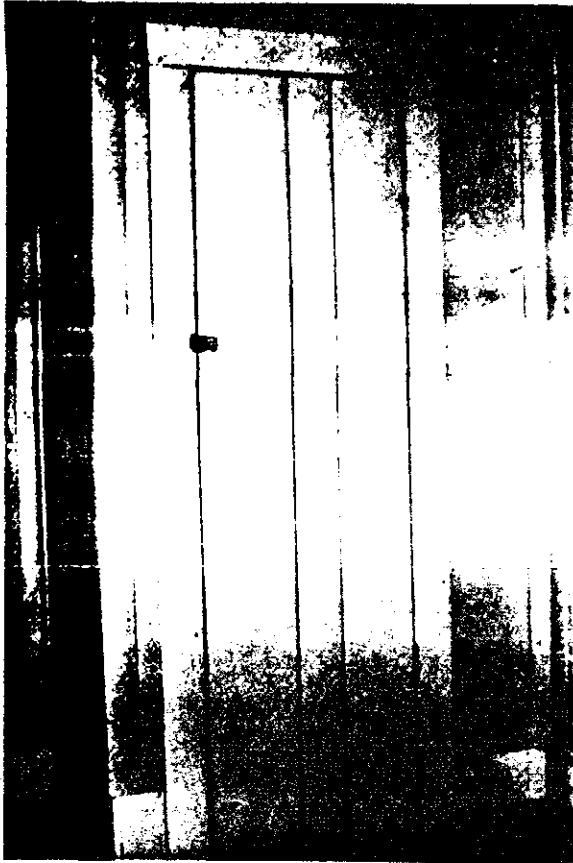
Close-up of door from  
Room 9 to Room 8 in the Smith House  
in 1981.



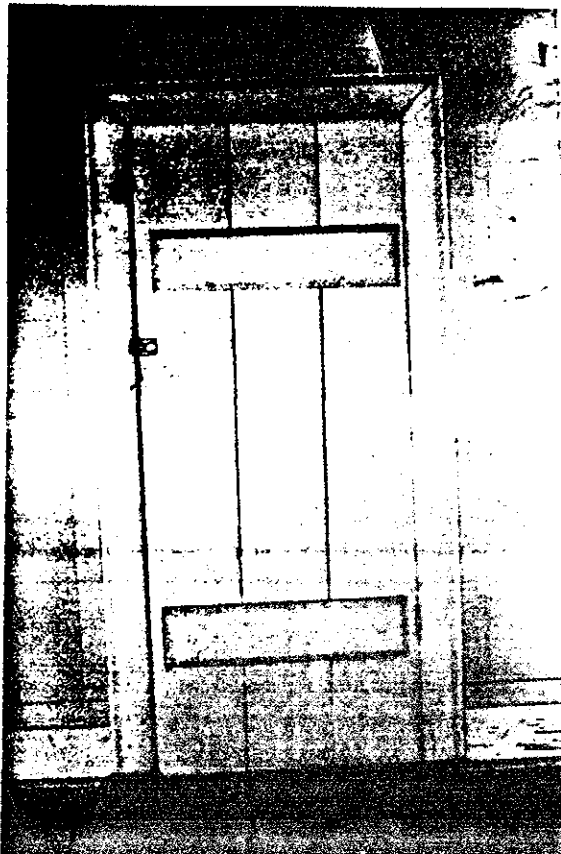
Close-up of double hung  
1/1 sash window in Room 4 of the  
Smith House in 1981. Note  
pediment.



Close-up of interior of  
Room 6 to closet door in the Smith  
House in 1981.



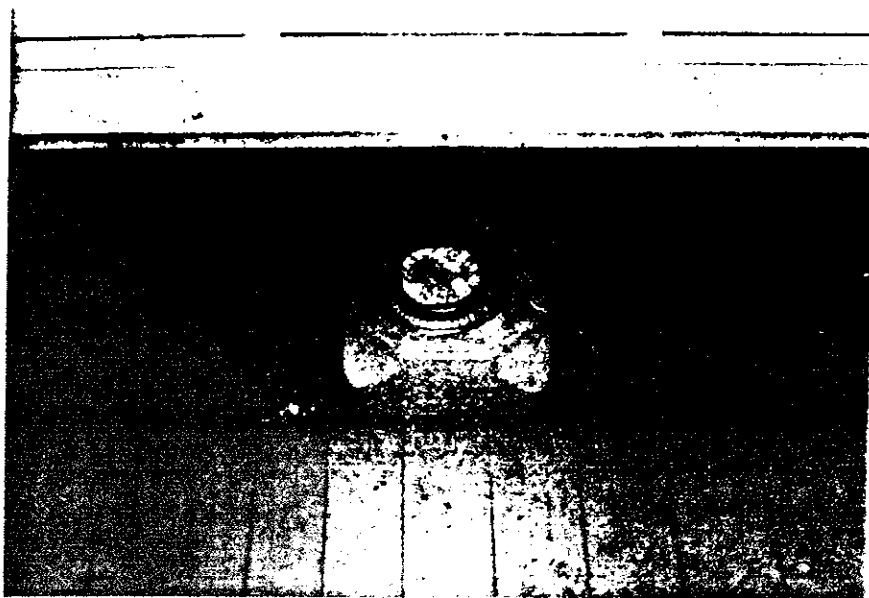
Close-up of Room 7 to  
closet door in the Smith House  
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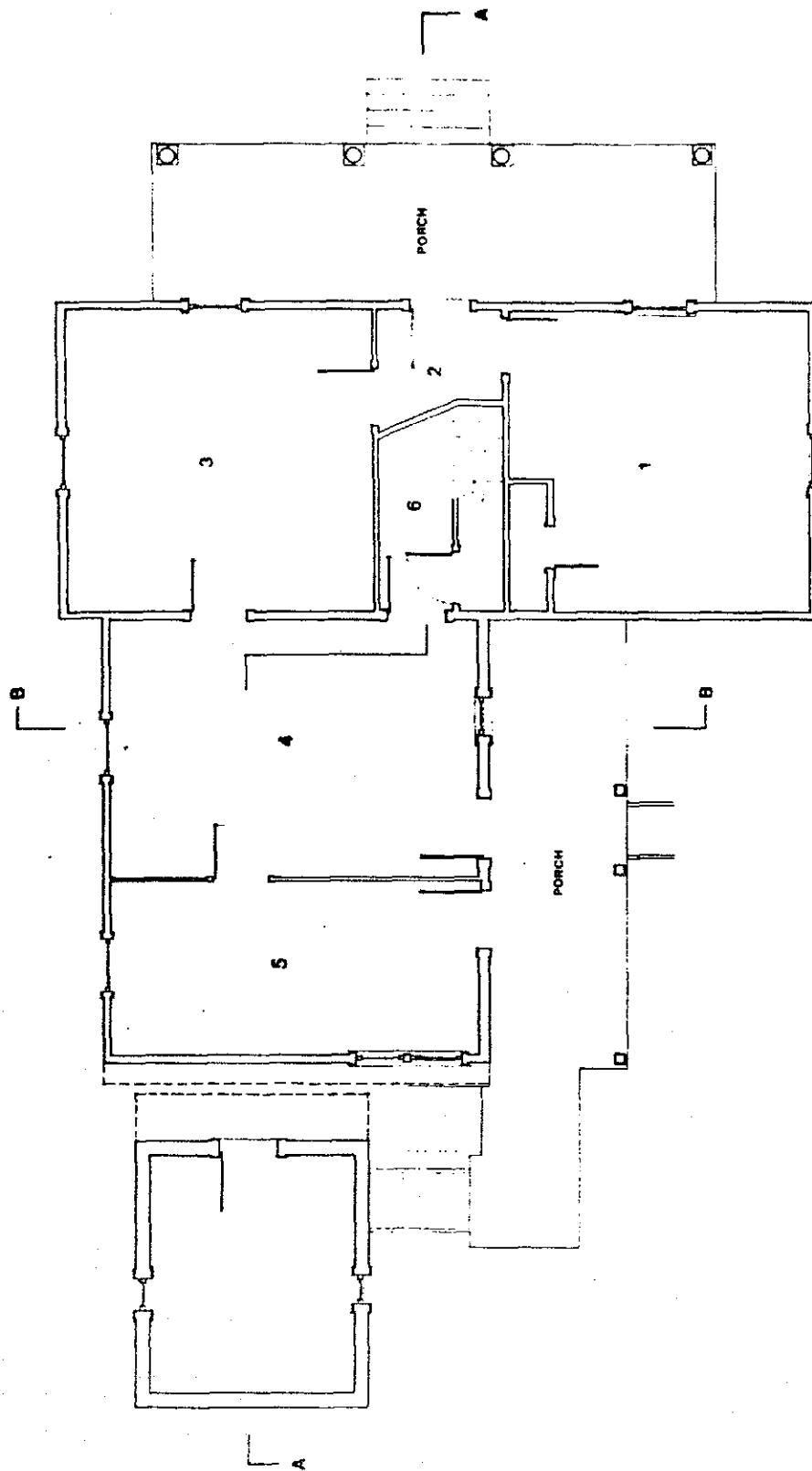
Close-up of Room 9 to  
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Close-up of newel post  
and balusters in Room 8, (second floor  
hallway) stairway of the Smith  
House in 1981.

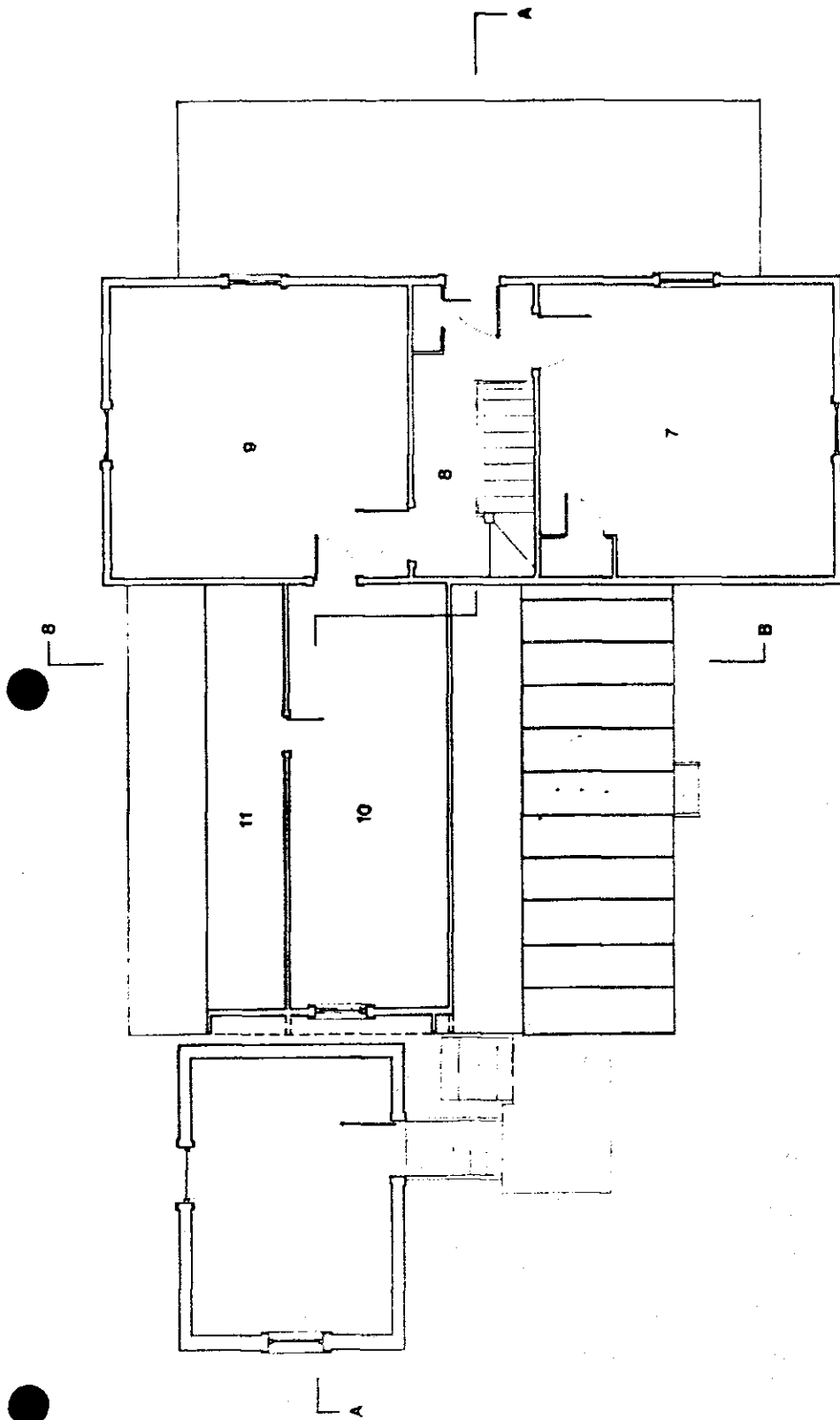


Close-up of concrete stove flue liner in Room 7 of the Smith House in



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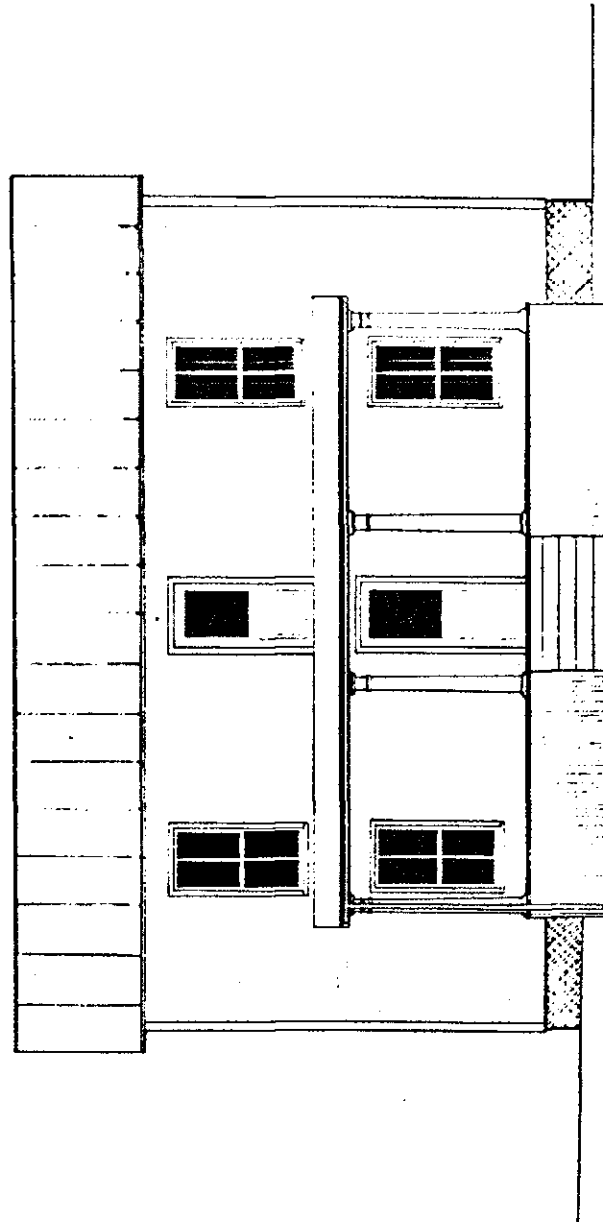
First floor plan of the Smith House and first floor plan of the adjacent cellar house.



SECOND FLOOR PLAN



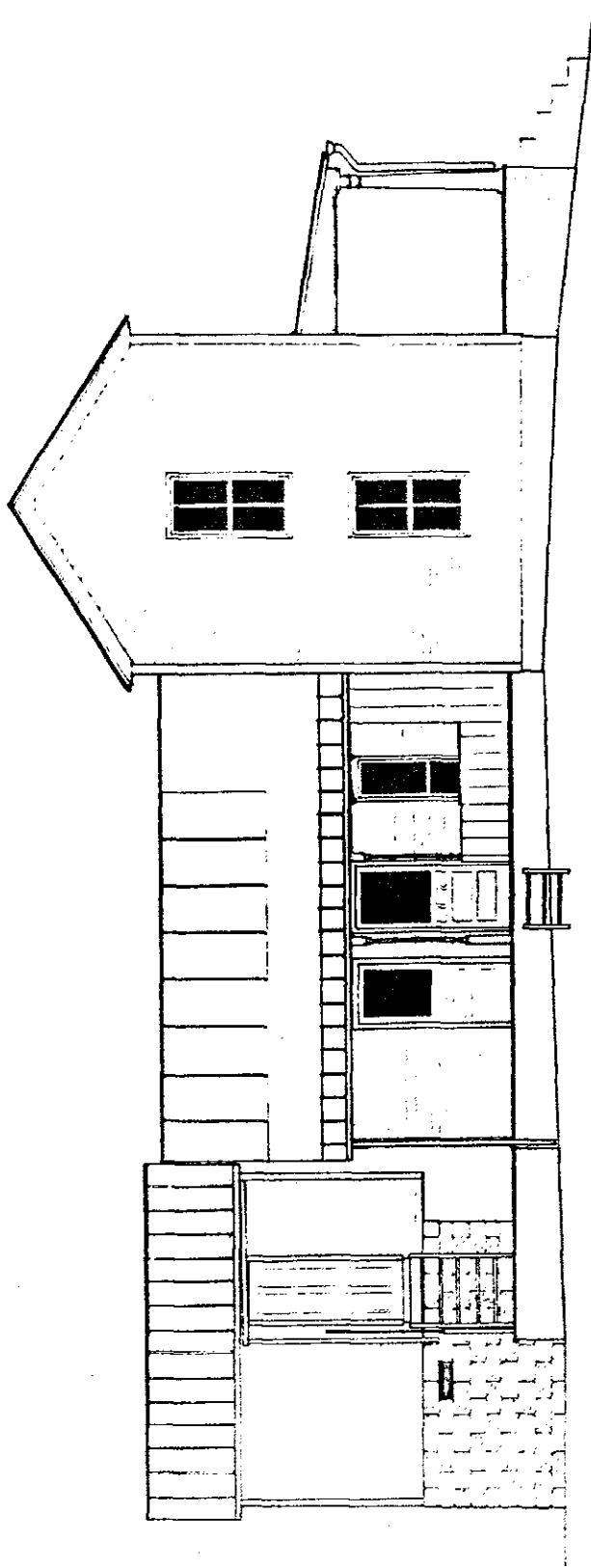
Second floor plan of the Smith House and second floor plan of the adjacent cellar house.



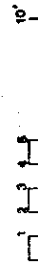
NORTHEAST ELEVATION  
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Northeast elevation of the Smith House





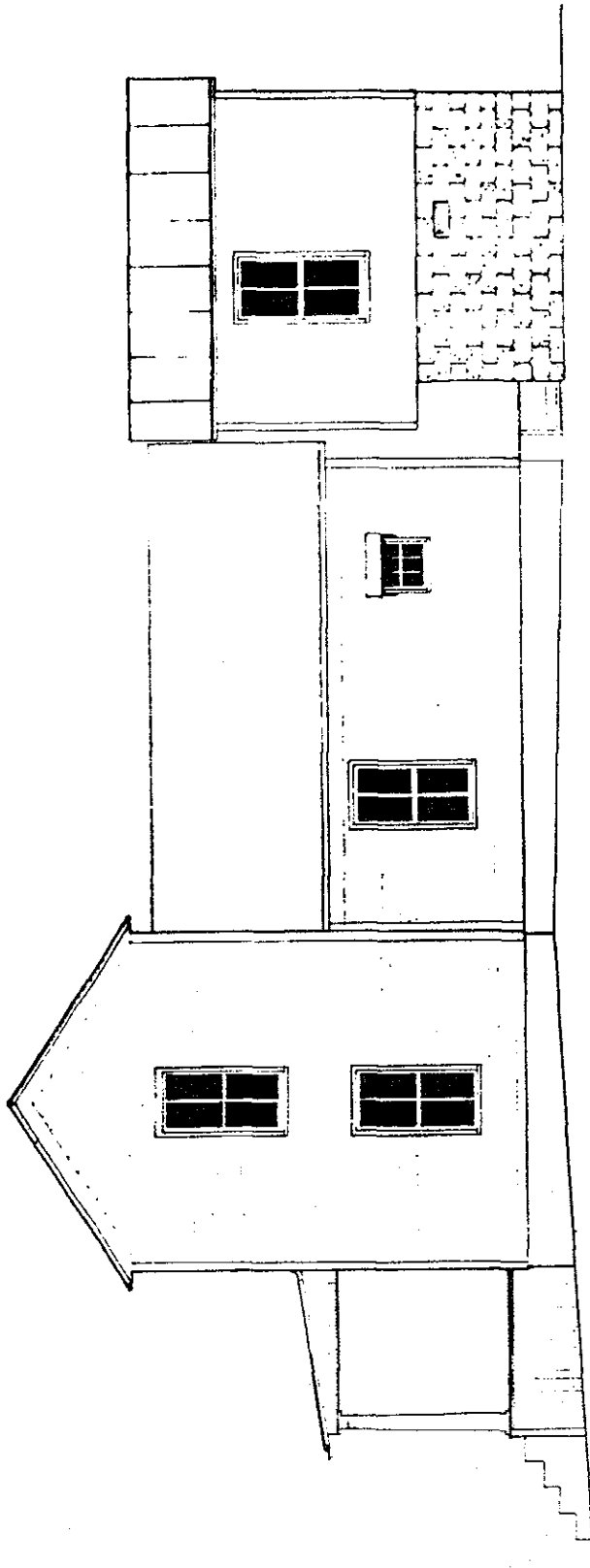
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Southeast elevation of the Smith House



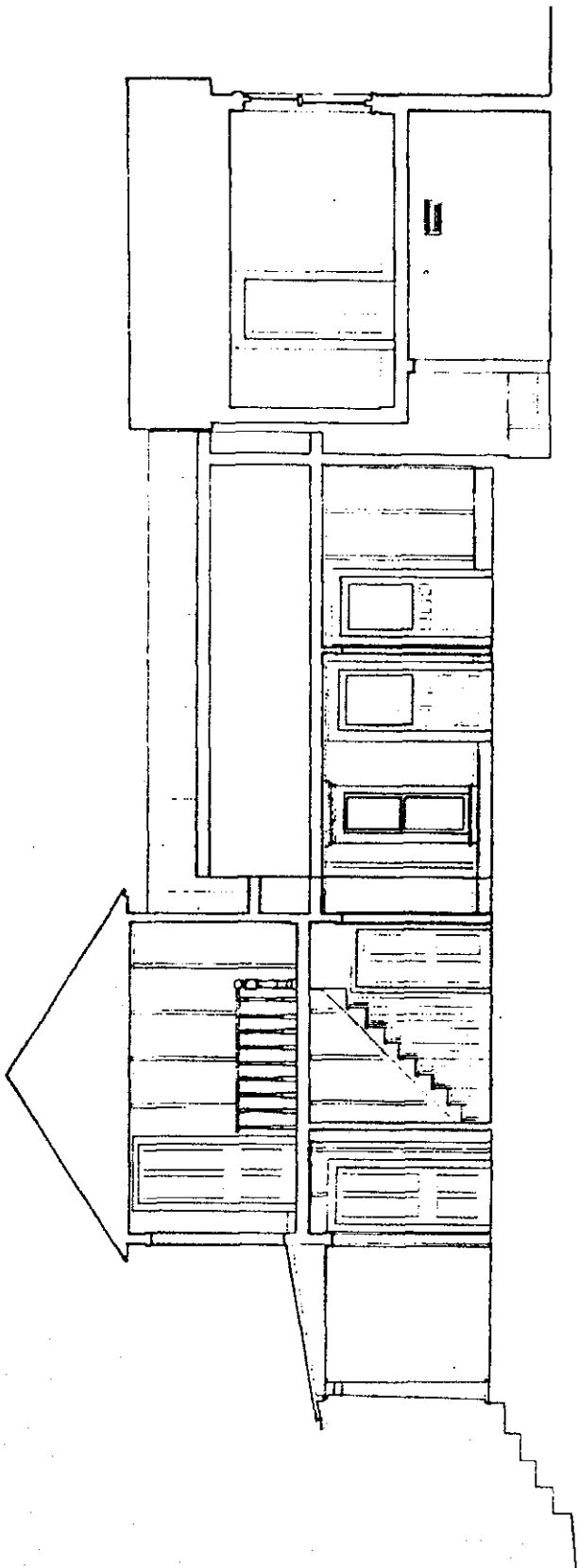
Southwest elevation of the Smith House



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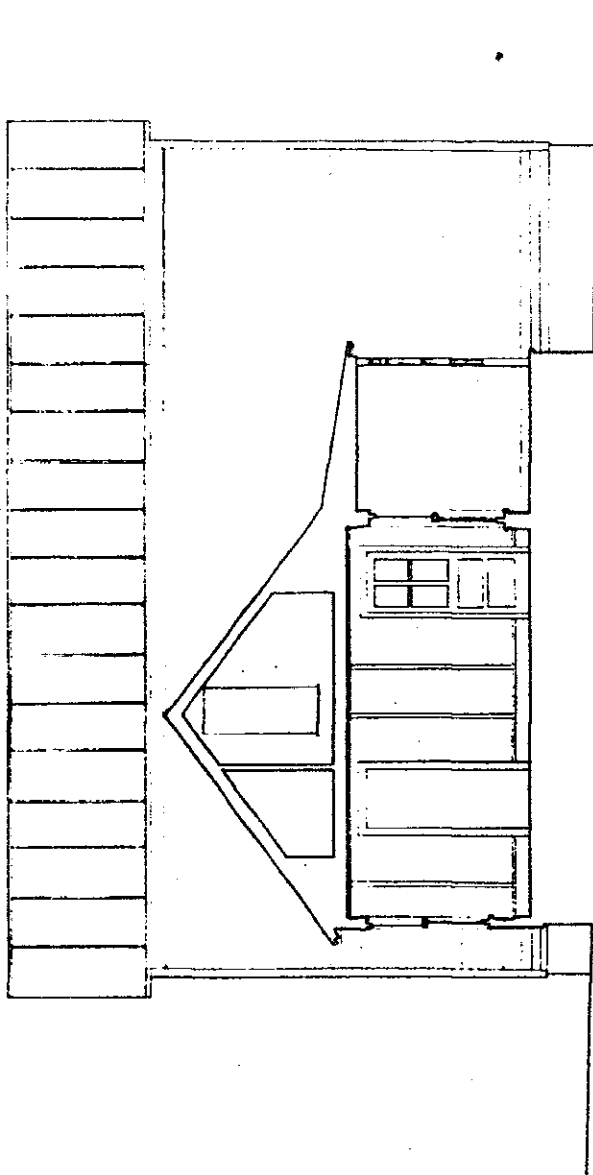
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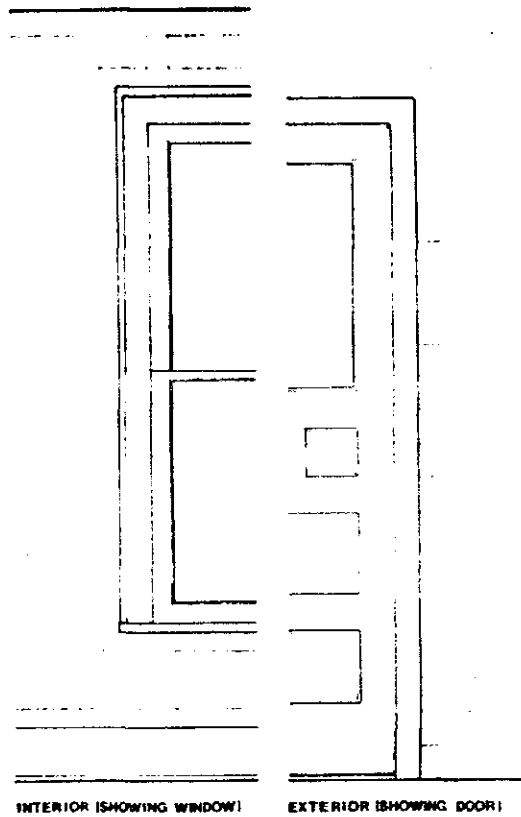
Longitudinal section (A-A) through the Smith House



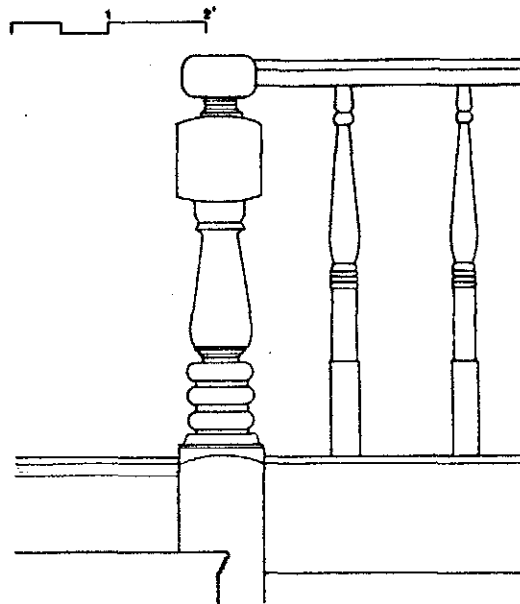
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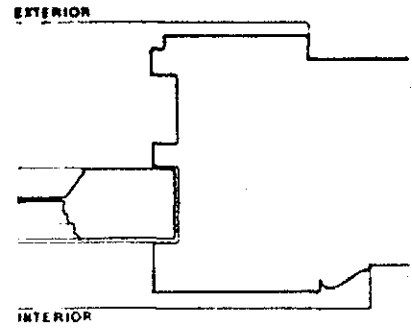
Transverse section (B-B) through the Smith House



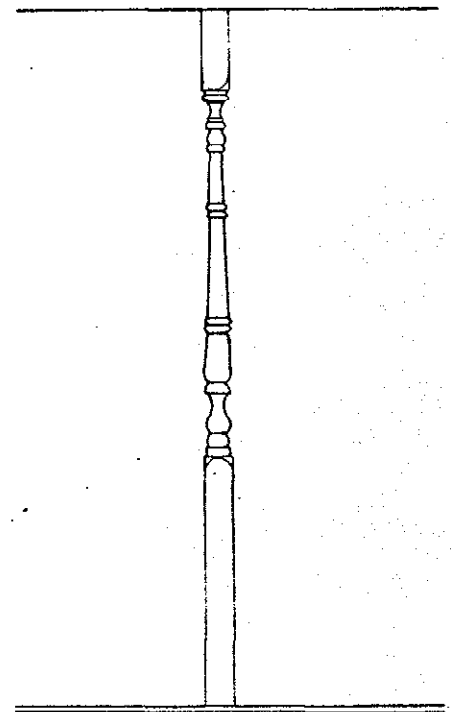
TYPICAL DOOR & WINDOW DETAILS



STAIRCASE DETAILS



TYPICAL WINDOW MOLDING (DOOR SIMILAR)



BACK PORCH COLUMN DETAIL

Typical architectural details in the Smith House